March 2, 2007

Henry R. Renteria, Director Governor's Office of Emergency Services Individual Assistance Section 3650 Schriever Avenue Mather, CA 95655

RE: Request for USDA Secretarial Disaster Declaration for Freeze Related Losses to Citrus, Lettuce and Specialty Crops in San Benito County, California.

Dear Director Renteria,

During the month of January 2007, San Benito County's one citrus orchard as well as leaf lettuce and several specialty crops incurred losses estimated at approximately \$1,613,400 due to 5 continuous days with minimum temperatures below 20 degrees in several locations.

I respectfully request that San Benito County be considered for a Secretarial Disaster Declaration based upon the attached County Agricultural Commissioner Disaster Report.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Matulich San Benito County

Agricultural Commissioner

Cc: San Benito County Board of Supervisors

Susan Thompson, San Benito County Administrative Officer

Ed Williams, CDFA/CACASA Liaison

Enclosure

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## CALIFORNIA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER DISASTER REPORT

1. County:		2. Date of Disaster:		3. Type and Brief Description of Disaster:				
San Benito	7,	January 12–24, 2007		Freeze				
4. Crops Damaged:  (List crops in order of importance, including hay & pasture.)	5. 5-Yr. Avg. Yield:  (From Annual Crop Report)	6. 5-Yr. Avg. Price:  (From Annual Crop Report)	7. Acres Planted	8. Acres Damaged	9. Acres Not Planted	10. Est. Yield:	11. Est. <u>Dollar</u> Loss:  Column No.: [(5 - 10) x 7 + (5 x 9)] x 6	
Lettuce	46.53	3,625	13,776	80.5		46.51	548,000	
Nursery Stock		40,486/acre	705	13.5			69,000	
Misc. Vegetables			5083	26			288,000	
Bell Peppers	21.97	448.4	1642	2		21.97	10,000	
Onion	23.46	296.6	1,625	60		22.83	300,000	
Broccoli	7.15	588	695	57		6.72	177,000	
Grain Hay	1.73	79.4	13,640	122		1.68	58,000	
Lemons	1.10	1850	50	50		0	100,000	
Cauliflower	9.8	559.5	118	6		9.52	18,400	
Winter Squash	8.3	626.4	237	8		8.00	45,000	
Kale	20.18	918	45	2		19.60	24,000	
Endive	8.76	830	169	2		8.71	7,000	
Beets	4.56	1001.6	279	2		4.50	16,000	
Spinach	3.15	1727.2	3,593	6		3.13	96,000	
Total							1,799,400	
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12. County's Total Crop Acres: 578,351

13.	Total Farms in County: (Use most recent U.S. Farm Census number.)	Number							
		677							
14.	Farms with Production Losses of:	Number							
	100%	1							
	90 to 99%	0							
	80 to 89%	0							
	70 to 79%	0							
60 to 69%		Ô .							
50 to 59%		1							
40 to 49%		0							
30 to 39%		0							
	20 to 29%	0							
	Less than 20%	9							
15.	Livestock and Poultry Losses of:	Number Destroyed/Damaged		3-Year Avg. Price (From Annual Crop Report)		Dollar Loss			
	Cattle (Excluding milk cows)								
	Milk Cows								
	Milk Production				***				
	Sheep								
	Hogs								
	Poultry								
	Aquaculture								
	Apiary			-					
Other									
16.	Farms with <u>Physical</u> Losses of:	Number				all and a second a			
Major									
	Minor								
17.	Farm Facilities Damaged:		Dollar Loss						
		Destroyed Maj		jor Minor					
	Dwellings & Service Buildings								
Structures									
Machinery & Equipment									
	Land Damages (Acres)								
Other (broken water pipes)					5	5,000			